

Syria¹

RIGHTS OF AMERICAN NATIONALS

Exchange of notes at Damascus September 7 and 8, 1944

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The American Diplomatic Agent to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

LEGATION OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
September 7, 1944

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that my Government has observed with friendly and sympathetic interest the accelerated transfer of governmental powers to the Syrian and Lebanese Governments since November 1943 and now takes the view that the Syrian and Lebanese Governments may now be considered representative, effectively independent and in a position satisfactorily to fulfil their international obligations and responsibilities.

The United States is, therefore, prepared to extend full and unconditional recognition of the independence of Syria, upon receipt from Your Excellency's Government of written assurances that the existing rights of the United States and its nationals, particularly as set forth in the treaty of 1924 between the United States and France,² are fully recognized and will be effectively continued and protected by the Syrian Government, until such time as appropriate bilateral accord may be concluded by direct and mutual agreement between the United States and Syria.

¹ Certain agreements between the United States and France were, or are, applicable also to Syria. See *ante*, vol. 7, p. 763, FRANCE

² TS 695, *ante*, vol. 7, p. 925, FRANCE.

I am to add that, following the receipt of such assurances, my Government proposes to appoint an Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary as its representative near the Syrian Government and would be pleased to receive in the United States a diplomatic representative of Syria of the same grade.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

G. WADSWORTH

His Excellency

JAMIL BEY MARDAM BEY

*Minister for Foreign Affairs of the
Republic of Syria
Damascus.*

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Diplomatic Agent

REPUBLIQUE SYRIENNE
MINISTÈRE
DES AFFAIRES ETRANGERES

DAMAS, le 8/9/44

SIR,

I have the honour to inform you that I have received with satisfaction your note dated 7th. September, 1944, in which you conveyed the view of the United States Government that the Syrian Government may now be considered representative, effectively independent and in a position satisfactorily to fulfil her international obligations and responsibilities; and that therefore the United States is prepared to extend full and unconditional recognition of the independence of Syria, upon receipt of written assurances that the existing rights of the United States and its nationals, particularly as set forth in the Treaty of 1924 between the United States and France, are fully recognised and will be effectively continued and protected by the Syrian Government, until such time as appropriate bilateral accord may be concluded by direct and mutual agreement between the United States and Syria.

The Syrian Government have taken note of the friendly attitude of the United States Government, and they highly appreciate this noble geste. It is my pleasant task to convey to you the assurances of the Syrian Government that the existing rights of the United States and its nationals, particularly as set forth in the Treaty of 1924 between the United States and France, are fully recognized and will be effectively continued and protected, until such time as appropriate bilateral accord may be concluded by direct and mutual agreement between Syria and the United States.

I have the honour to add that the Syrian Government welcome the proposed appointment by the Government of the United States, of an Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary as representative accredited to

the President of the Syrian Republic, and propose to appoint a representative of the same rank to be accredited near the President of the United States.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to you, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

JAMIL MARDAM BEY

His Excellency

Mr. GEORGE WADSWORTH

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